

RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAEL SWEENEY OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ACADEMY SELECTION BOARD

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor those members of Texas' Third Congressional District's Academy Selection Board whose longtime service to Texas and the U.S. Service Academies is to be commended.

These individuals exemplify the time honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership which in turn have enabled them to assist in seeking out our next generation of servant leaders qualified to lead our nation as military officers in training. Not only have these patriots worn the uniform in defense of America, following their time in service they have chosen to enrich their communities, most notably through their service on this Board. One such patriot is Mr. Michael "Mike" Sweeney.

Mike Sweeney is a 1966 graduate of distinction with the United States Naval Academy (USNA). During his time at USNA, he was a member of the undefeated 1964 NCAA Championship Soccer Team and was selected as Commander of the Brigade of Midshipmen during his senior year.

Following graduation, Mike served five years as a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy including service in the Vietnam War. Upon return to civilian life, he would join Ross Perot's Electronic Data Systems (EDS) as a trainee starting a new career in information technology. EDS would be a great place for Mike to have a career as a Navy graduate—a workplace complete with blue suits, white shirts, and good opportunities.

Sweeney worked at EDS as a systems engineer developing health care systems before moving into management, and progressively increasing in responsibility as he relocated to the company's corporate headquarters. Along the way, he pioneered the concept of remote software engineering centers and was responsible for managing seventy centers in twenty-nine countries. His teams developed new business systems for General Motors, including OnStar. Later, Mike overhauled the company's corporate technical training and worked on corporate strategy.

Notably, during the dot-com era, he served as President of the E-Solutions global delivery organization and was responsible for corporate technology strategy, thought leadership and R&D. Mike retired after 31 years of loyal service at EDS.

In retirement, Mike enjoys bike riding, fly fishing, and riding his Harley with his Naval Academy roommate. He and his wife, Peggy, have made their home in Prosper and are the proud parents to two grown children and four grandchildren.

With gratitude we thank Mike Sweeney for his over 28 years of service on the Third Congressional District's Service Academy Selection Board. While his presence as a valued member of this organization will be deeply missed, we are honored to salute him for his longtime and dedicated efforts in nominating countless young patriots to the Service Academies.

HONORING THE PATRIOTIC SERVICE OF CHAD ANDERSON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chad Anderson for his patriotic service to the City of Celina, Texas. As a City Councilman in Place 6, Chad served the City of Celina for three terms. The City of Celina sits just North of Dallas and has been a focal point of growth in the North Texas region for several years. Since 2010 the population of Celina has tripled, out pacing any other North Texas city. As a Councilman, Chad managed this explosive growth and ensured that the City was ready to take on new community members and new businesses.

One of his key policy priorities was the development of Celina's infrastructure. New roads, bridges, proper drainage, and public safety structures all bear the mark of Chad's thoughtfulness as a City Councilman. During his time in office, he never forgot about the heroes among us—law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, and all frontline workers. He ensured that the City kept its law enforcement funding when many cities throughout the country sought to defund. When firefighters needed modernized facilities and funding, Chad was their No. 1 ally.

In his 19 years in Celina, Chad has become a pillar of his community and, though he is no longer a City Councilman, will continue to be a servant leader who seeks to lift up everyone in his City. The foundation for all his service is, without a doubt, his wife Michele, and their two children, CJ and Molly.

Outside of his official work, Chad became the proprietor of his own insurance company in 2010 which gave him personal experience and insight into small business development and growth. He has also championed the Celina Cajun Fest, Oktoberfest and coached youth sports.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Chad Anderson's patriotism and devotion to God, Family, and Country. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I would like to personally commend Mr. Anderson for his service to the City of Celina as a Councilman and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING NEW YORK DISTRICT KIWANIS CLUB GOVERNOR JAMES M. MANCUSO

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor New York District Kiwanis Club Governor, James M. Mancuso. As a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club, James has committed himself to philanthropic pursuits that have improved the lives of people across New York State.

Since its founding in 1915, members of the Kiwanis Club have devoted themselves to public service, focusing on initiatives that work for the betterment of their communities. Lead-

ers like James are the heart and soul of the Kiwanis Club, and the reason this organization has been so successful for over a century.

James Mancuso joined the Kiwanis Club in 2002 and immediately took to its mission of improving the world one child and one community at a time. James has served two terms as a Lieutenant Governor of the Long Island South Central Division and president of the East Meadow Club. He has also chaired committees on International Leadership, Youth Protection, and the Kiwanis International Children's Fund for the New York District. In October of 2021, James was promoted to New York District Kiwanis Club Governor, where he has continued his exemplary advocacy and volunteerism across New York State.

As a member of the Kiwanis Club, James has led numerous projects, most notably, building a Garden of Hope with the Kiwanis Club of East Meadow in partnership with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), and Nassau County. The garden included a sculpture depicting the aftermath of a drunk driving accident to encourage local residents not to get behind the wheel while impaired. He has also held many fundraisers that have benefited projects to get more infants vaccinated.

For his work, James has earned the Anton J. Kaiser Award, recognition from the New York District's Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, and an IBM Volunteers Gold Award Level for Volunteerism and Community Service.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the contributions of James M. Mancuso. A devoted volunteer and committed member of the Kiwanis Club, James has empowered members of his community through his philanthropic efforts.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Department of Public Works Employee Appreciation Day by recognizing the District of Columbia Department of Public Works.

The D.C. Department of Public Works provides a number of services, including trash and recycling collection, snow removal, parking enforcement, fleet management and supporting events and demonstrations.

The D.C. Department of Public Works is home to a workforce of 1,500 employees. Many of these employees are D.C. residents, and their hard work and services contribute to the upkeep, maintenance, productivity and growth of D.C. Today, D.C. residents are joining together to show our appreciation for our D.C. Department of Public Works employees.

Madam Speaker, again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Department of Public Works Employee Appreciation Day by thanking the D.C. Department of Public Works for its tireless work.

TRIBUTE TO DR. IRENE K. KIM—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Dr. Irene K. Kim of Hollywood, a unique neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Irene K. Kim, MD, FACS serves as the Director of the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Comprehensive Transplant Center, and Assistant Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles Department of Surgery. She received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then attended the University of California, San Francisco, where she received her Doctorate in Medicine with honors. Dr. Kim completed her residency in general surgery at Tufts Medical Center and her fellowship in abdominal transplantation at Stanford University, where she was a clinical instructor in the Department of Surgery from 2010 to 2012.

Presently, Dr. Kim serves as Chair of the International Pediatric Transplant Association's Membership Committee, board member of the United Network for Organ Sharing, and Councilor-at-Large for the American Society of Transplant Surgeons. Dr. Kim's medical society memberships are impressive and include the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation, International Liver Transplantation Society, The Transplantation Society, International Pediatric Transplant Association, American Society of Transplant Surgeons, Korean American Medical Association, American Society of Transplantation, Association for Academic Surgery, and Pacific Coast Surgical Association.

From her many scientific and research publications and editorials, to being a lecturer and speaker on numerous occasions at seminars and symposiums, Dr. Kim's accomplishments are multidimensional. In addition to her dedicated service in the healthcare arena, Dr. Kim also serves on the board of the Foundation for The AIDS Monument.

Some of the many honors Dr. Kim has received include the Leslie B. Brent Award from The Transplantation Society for best scientific manuscript, the Tufts Department of Surgery Chairman Award, the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Department of Surgery Kenneth W. Adashek Award, and the American Liver Foundation "Outstanding Women in Healthcare Award."

Dr. Kim and her husband, Thomas Kudrle have two children, Max and Sylvie.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Dr. Irene K. Kim.

CELEBRATING THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
HEAD START PROGRAM

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the fifty-seventh anniversary of the Head Start program, which was founded on the idea that people of all backgrounds can lead productive lives and thus deserve the opportunities that education makes possible. Since its creation on May 18, 1965, Head Start has fostered the cognitive, social, physical, and emotional development of tens of millions of children from low-income families across America and has helped set them up for success before they begin their educational journeys in school.

When President Lyndon B. Johnson introduced Head Start as part of his 'War on Poverty,' he said that the program would go down in history as 'one of the most constructive, and one of the most sensible, and also one of the most exciting programs that this Nation has ever undertaken.' His words proved prescient, as even today, more than a million American pre-school children participate in Head Start each year. These students are not the only ones who benefit from the program. Early-education teachers gain insights from research conducted by Head Start administrators. Parents gain access to affordable child care and job training, allowing them to work to improve their families' well-being. By every measure, this program is delivering enormous benefits to our country and the children who will be its future.

The overwhelming success of Head Start, however, belongs to the communities that support it. Head Start depends on the dedication of more than a million volunteers—most of whom are the parents of Head Start children—who devote hours of their time to the program. Their work is crucial at a time when more than 6 million American children, or nearly 15 percent of all kids in the United States, live in poverty. When data was last reported in 2019, it revealed that 59,000 families participating in Head Start had been experiencing homelessness. Thanks in part to Head Start's services, however, more than a quarter of these families were able to find housing that same year.

From expanding programs like the Children's Health Insurance Program to implementing the Child Tax Credit to help families weather the COVID-19 pandemic, House Democrats continue to take action aimed at eradicating child poverty in our country. Head Start will remain one of our greatest tools to combat child poverty in the years ahead, and we must continue to ensure that it has the support and resources it needs to carry that work forward. As President Johnson said when he created Head Start: 'five- and six-year-old children are inheritors of poverty's curse and not its creators.' These children today can help us build a better and stronger America for tomorrow, but only if we invest in their growth, wellbeing, and opportunity.

RECOGNIZING THE 57TH
ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 57th anniversary of the Head Start program and the invaluable services it makes available to children and families in need.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson commissioned Sargent Shriver with the establishment of a comprehensive child development program that would assist underserved communities meet the needs of preschool children. With the help of education, psychology, and child experts, the U.S. government initially launched "Project Head Start" as an eight-week summer program that reached 561,000 children. Finding early success, the program was expanded in the fall of 1965 to provide services throughout the entire school year. In the subsequent decades, Head Start has further grown to include bilingual and bicultural programs, as well as services for disadvantaged infants, toddlers, and pregnant women through Early Head Start grants.

The initiative has now reached over 39 million children in its history and serves nearly 1 million children and their families annually in urban and rural areas in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. territories. Head Start's exceptional dedication to our children is admirable, and this year, as it celebrates its 57th anniversary, we express our appreciation for the impact that it has had on communities across the country and especially in Bucks and Montgomery counties.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SENATOR HIRAM RHODES
REVELS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Senator Hiram Rhodes Revels.

Senator Revels was the first Black person to serve in the United States Senate, and he was the first pastor of Zion Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Natchez.

Senator Revels was born a free man in Fayetteville, North Carolina on September 27, 1827. In 1845, Senator Revels was ordained a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church after attending the Beech Grove Quaker Seminary in Indiana and Darke Seminary for Blacks in Ohio. At the beginning of the Civil War, Senator Revels established two Colored Troop regiments from Maryland, and in 1862, he served as Chaplain for a U.S. Colored Troop regiment in Vicksburg, MS and Natchez, MS. In 1863 Senator Revels established a Freedman's school in St. Louis, MO. In 1866 after serving churches in Louisville, KY and New Orleans, LA, Senator Revels settled in Natchez, MS where he became pastor of Zion Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1868, Senator Revels' first elected position was as a Natchez Alderman. In 1869, Senator